GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department – Palakol Municipality - Allegations of irregularities committed by Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palacole Municipality regarding non collection of Market lease during the year 2013-14 and caused financial loss in the categories of daily market, weekly market and goat slaughter house to the Palakole Municipality – Inquiry conducted - Imposing a penalty of "Withholding of One (1) Annual Grade Increment with cumulative effect" – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.09 **Dated:04.01.2024**

Read the following:

1. From the Director of Municipal Administration, AP, in Letter Roc.No. 760/2016/C1, dt.22.04.2017
2. G.O.Rt.No.493, MA & UD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 17.07.2017.
3. G.O.Rt.No.494, dated 17.07.2017 of MA & UD (Vig.II) Department.
4. Served copy in respect of Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then MC, received through the CDMA., A.P., Lr. Roc.No.760/2016/C1, dated 06.09.2017
5. G.O.Rt.No.38, MA & UD (Vig.I) Dept., dt:21.01.2019
6. Inquiry report received from Sri G.Naga Raju, the then RDMA, Rajamahendravaram & Inquiry Officer, Letter Roc.No.669/2015/A3, dt:21.05.2021
7. Govt. Memo.No.569758/Vig.I/2017, dt:28.07.2021.
8. Written representation dt:08.02.2022 received from Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then MC.
9. Govt., Letter No.569758/Vig.II/2017/A1(E-202469), Dated.31.08.2023.
10. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No.GAD03 –APPS0DCC/101/2023 – DC.SEC-APPSC(Computer No.2234231), Dated :05.12.2023.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government vide reference 1st read above, that Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palacole Municipality and (6) others have committed certain irregularities by not collecting Market lease during the year 2013-14 and caused financial loss in the categories of daily market, weekly market and goat slaughter house to the Palakole Municipality.

2. In the reference 2nd read with 3rd read above, among others, the Government initiated departmental proceedings under Rule-20 of AP civil services (C.C.A) rules, 1991 by issuing articles of charges against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palacole Municipality, West Godavari District with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defence within (15) days. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., furnished served copy in respect of Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner.

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3. Government after following due procedure, appointed Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against all the seven (7) charged officers in the reference 5th read above. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Authority submitted Inquiry Report and concluded that all the three (3) charges framed against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palacole Municipality were held "partly proved" in the Inquiry.

4. The Government after examining the inquiry report in detail, communicated a copy of enquiry report vide reference 7th read above to Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner, under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed him to submit written representation, if any, on the findings of the enquiry report. In the reference 8th read above, Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner, has submitted his written representation wherein he had requested the Govt., to drop charges framed against him.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the findings of inquiry report, and written representation, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "Withholding of One (1) Annual Grade Increment with cumulative effect" against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner, as he did not follow the due procedure as per APM Act, 1965 and not initiated stern steps from time to time for collection of market kisties and execution of agreement and paved way to approach the Municipality to approach the Courts for which the Municipality incurred Court expenses gave scope to the Contractor. In the reference 9th read above, the Secretary. A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, was requested to convey the concurrence of the Commission to the said Government's Proposal.

6. In the reference 10th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, has informed that the Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government, to impose a penalty of "Withholding of One (1) Annual Grade Increment with cumulative effect" against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palacole Municipality.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, have been decided to confirm the penalty of "Withholding of One (1) Annual Grade Increment with cumulative effect" against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palacole Municipality.

8. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose a major penalty of "withholding of One (1) Annual Grade Increment with cumulative effect" against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palacole Municipality, in terms of Rule 9 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

9. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

10. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner of Palacole Municipality
- **through** the CDMA, AP, Mangalagiri.

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The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration,
A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The MA & UD (A) Department.
The Secretary, APVC, 5th building, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, APPSC, 2nd Floor, MG Road ,
Opp Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium ,
New R&B Building, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Palacole Municipality, Erstwhile West Godavari District.
Sf/Sc (E 202469).

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.